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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer, Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist

RE: Site Inspection, Larson Limestone Company, Larson Limestone Mine, S/049/011, Utah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: April 15, 1992

Time of Inspection: 1045 MDT

Conditions: Overcast, cool

Participants: Gerald Larson, Farrel Larson, Larson Limestone; Tony Gallegos, Holland Shepherd, DOGM

The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the current status of the small mining operation. Division personnel had not inspected the site since 1990.

We met the Larsons at the mine site and briefly discussed the nature of their operation and their current mining plans. The mine is currently producing limestone products for use in emission control scrubbers. The current mining area was being drilled in preparation for blasting. A front end loader was hauling product to the screening/crushing facility and a bulldozer was spreading material out at a lower bench. We drove back to the main access road in order to view the overall mine site from a distance.

The Larsons indicated that Utah County had recently contacted them and would be requiring a bond. They informed the county that the state was already regulating their mine operation and the county should therefore not be regulating them. We informed the Larsons that the Division's regulations would not supersede the county's ordinance, and that the Division could not require a bond unless the disturbance was over five acres. After some discussion of the county/Division jurisdiction it was suggested that a meeting between the Larsons, Utah County and the Division be scheduled to resolve this matter. The Larsons agreed to set

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something up. It was suggested that a map of the mining operation be brought to that meeting in order to clarify/support the Divisions position with respect to reclamation bonding.

The Larsons informed us that the mine tunnels on the site were not made by them, and were thought to have been created in the 1920's when U & I was operating on the property. The quarry disturbances above the current workings were said to be pre-law sites.

The inspection concluded with the understanding that a meeting between the Larsons, Utah County and the Division would be coordinated by the Larsons. Before leaving the site, we informed the Larsons that we would like to inspect the upper quarry areas later today, after we complete some inspections of other sites. They found this to be acceptable and indicated that they would not be on the site.

The upper quarry area was visited later that day at approximately 2:00 pm. The total disturbance at the mine site was visually estimated to be approximately seven acres. This estimate included the current working area (1 acre), screening/crushing facility (1.5 acres), the quarry area immediately above the current working area and access road up to that area (1.5 acres), the old structures (1 acre), boneyard area (1 acre), other roads between mine facilities, and the main access road leading to the mine site (1 acre). This disturbed acreage figure will need to be verified/revised by the Division in the immediate future by reviewing maps or aerial photos. Photographs were taken to document the status of the areas visited.

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